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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SF  
SUBJ: SEVEN MORE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ACTIVISTS DETAINED;  
BILKO BEING DETAINED UNDER SEC.6 OF TERRORISM ACT

REF: PRETORIA 4300 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY - APPARENT CRACKDOWN ON BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT  
CONTINUES AS POLICE DETAINED SIX MORE BPC/SASO MEMBERS IN  
EASTERN CAPE AND ONE IN CAPE TOWN. POLICE REPORTEDLY HAVE  
SAID THAT BPC LEADERS STEVE BIKO AND P.C. JONES ARE BEING  
HELD UNDER SECTION 6 OF TERRORISM ACT WHICH PERMITS DETENTION  
UP TO 180 DAYS. END SUMMARY

1. BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) MEMBER IN KING WILLIAMS  
TOWN (KWT) CONFIRMED TO CONGENOFF TODAY (AUGUST 26) THAT  
SIX MORE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ACTIVISTS WERE DETAINED RECENTLY  
IN EASTERN CAPE AND ONE IN CAPE TOWN. DETAINED YESTERDAY WAS  
MRS. NOHLE MOHAPI, WIDOW OF DECEASED DETAINEE MAPETHLA MOHAPI,  
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(PRETORIA 5791) WHO HAD BEEN WORKING AS SECRETARY AT OFFICES OF  
BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (BCP) IN KWT. ALSO DETAINED IN KWT  
WERE TWO OTHER BCP SECRETARIES, MISS NOSIPHO KETI AND MISS  
XOLISWA NQABENI AND REGIONAL SECRETARY OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS  
ORGANIZATION (SASO) JEFF MAQETHUKA. SOURCE SAID POLICE SEARCHED  
BOTH BCP AND SASO OFFICES AND REMOVED TYPEWRITERS, DUPLICATING  
MACHINES, STENCILS AND DOCUMENTS. POLICE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT

MRS. MOHAPI BEING DETAINED UNDER SECTION 6 OF TERRORISM ACT.  
BASIS FOR DETENTION OF OTHER THREE NOT YET KNOWN. OTHER RECENT  
DETENTIONS INCLUDE WELLINGTON SOBANDLA FROM PORT ELIZABETH,  
LENNOX MAKAPELE FROM MDANTSANE TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE EAST LONDON AND  
IN CAPE TOWN JOHN ISSEL FORMER WESTERN CAPE CHAIRMAN OF SASO WHO  
WAS BANNED IN 1975.

2. SOURCE SAID POLICE HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THAT STEVE BIKO,  
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF BPC AND PETER JONES, REGIONAL EXECUTIVE  
MEMBER OF BPC ARE BEING HELD IN PORT ELIZABETH ALSO UNDER SECTION  
6 OF TERRORISM ACT WHICH PERMITS DETENTION UP TO 180 DAYS. THEY  
ARE NOT RPT NOT BEING HELD UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WHICH  
WOULD PRESUMABLY BE THE CASE IF POLICE INTENDED TO CHARGE BIKO  
WITH VIOLATION HIS BANNING ORDER AS WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO  
BE THE CASE (REFTEL). IN VIEW OF TOUGH LINE BEING TAKEN BY  
JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER AND OTHERS TOWARD BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS  
MOVEMENT (CAPE TOWN 1247) AND INABILITY TO GET COURT  
CONVICTIONS AGAINST BIKO IN EARLIER CASES (CAPE TOWN  
1110) IT WILL COME AS NO RPT NO SURPRISE IF SAG DECIDES TO  
REMOVE BIKO AND OTHERS FROM CIRCULATION FOR MORE EXTENDED  
PERIOD. WHITE

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